GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Furnishes details about the Loan raised by the Kolar District Board for the District Board Railway.

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Representation made during the Sessions of Representative Assembly in June 1929, requesting that the accounts relating to the payments made by the Kolar District Board towards the loan of Rs. 8 lakhs raised for the District Board Railway, be scrutinised and the balance due, if any, be intimated.

ORDER NO. L. 5395-6—L. B. 77-29-4, DATED 17TH JANUARY 1930.

An enquiry was made into the matter as promised during the course of the Representative Assembly discussions. From the report furnished by the District Board, Kolar, it is seen that the Kolar District Board was first authorised to raise a debenture loan of Rs. 4 lakhs for the construction of the Railway. They were subsequently allowed to increase the loan by another Rs. 4 lakhs. The Board have raised the whole of the first loan and out of the second loan only Rs. 48,000 could be raised. The loan raised thus amounted to Rs. 4,48,800 in all. Out of this amount, bonds to the extent of Rs. 17,100 are now said to have been redeemed by the District Board so far leaving a balance of Rs. 4,31,700 to be still redeemed.

This will be published in the *Mysore Gazette* for the information of the members concerned.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

Fees for licenses to be issued by District Boards.

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Letter No. 5734-41, dated 16th February 1927, requesting the Deputy Commissioners of Districts to suggest in consultation with the District Boards or their Presidents the rates at which fees may be levied for each of the purposes for which licenses are given by the District Boards under the Mysore District Boards Regulation.

2. Replies received from the Deputy Commissioners in the matter.

ORDER NO. L. 4651-68—L. B. 129-29-10, DATED 20TH DECEMBER 1929.

After a careful consideration of the suggestions received, Government are pleased to pass the following orders in regard to the levy of fees for licenses issued under the District Boards Regulation.

2. The Chitaldrug District Board is the only Board that has proposed the levy of a license fee of Rs. 5 for permissions granted under section 51 of the Regulation. Under this section permission may be given to the temporary occupation or use of any road or land vested in the District Board for the erection of pendals. No license is required for this purpose under the Regulation and no license fee can be prescribed for the purpose. As the finances of the District Boards require improvement, Government consider that the District Boards may charge rent for the occupation or use of the road or land vested in the Boards at a rate which is not less than one anna for every 50 square yards for each day for which the land is used or occupied.

3. Under section 52 of the District Board Regulation licenses may be issued for the passage of unwieldy traffic on District Fund Roads. The Chitaldrug District Board has proposed the levy of a fee of Rs. 10 under this section. The Motor Vehicles Regulation and the Rules thereunder contain necessary provision for this purpose and the proportionate income realised by issue of permit fees for running motor buses is credited to the District Boards. In these circumstances, Government consider that no separate license fee need be fixed for this purpose for the present.

4. Under Section 54 of the Regulation licenses may be granted for the following purposes:—

1. Markets.
2. Slaughter houses.
3. Public cart-stands, and
4. Public Ferries.

In Rule 5 of the Rules issued with Notification No. L. 3253—L.B. 50-29-3, dated 7th November 1929, for the control of private markets, the license fee to be levied in respect of markets has been prescribed. As regards slaughter houses, the Chitaldrug District Board proposes a fee of Rs. 10 while those of Bangalore and Hassan propose the rates of 2 annas per sheep and 4 annas each for other animals. Government consider that the levy of fees on the number of animals slaughtered is not feasible and that for this purpose a fee of Rs. 10 a year may be prescribed for all Districts. With regard to "cart-stands," the Chitaldrug District Board has proposed a license fee of Rs. 5 a year while those of Bangalore and Hassan propose Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 per annum at the discretion of the President according to dimensions. Government consider it sufficient to prescribe a uniform fee of Rs. 5 a year for each cart-stand licensed by the District Boards. As regards public ferries, the Chitaldrug District Board has proposed a fee of Rs. 10 while the Bangalore and Hassan District Boards have proposed a fee of Rs. 5 to Rs. 20. The other District Boards have not proposed any fees. Before fixing any fees, Government consider it desirable to have a list of ferries to be licensed by each District Board with the rate of fees proposed to be charged in each case. The Deputy Commissioners are requested to furnish the information very early.

5. Under section 55 of the Regulation the issue of licenses is subject to the provisions of the Village Panchayet Regulation. Under Government Order No. L. 4666-88—L.B. 26-26-137, dated 19th January 1927, Village Panchayets have been empowered to issue licenses for the following purposes and no fees are leviable by the Village Panchayets under the rules in these cases:—

1. Sale of meat.
2. Salting, curing or storing fish.
3. Boiling or storing offal, blood, bones or rags.
4. Storing hides, horns and skin.
5. Melting tallow or sulphur.
6. Washing or drying wool or hair.
7. Dyeing.
8. Brick, pottery or lime burning.

6. The items which require licenses from District Boards under Schedule II of the District Boards Regulation are:—

1. Tanning.
2. Manufacture of leather or leather goods.
3. Soap manufacturing.
4. Boiling, pressing, cleaning, preparing or manufacturing by any process whatever, oil.
5. Manufactory of sago.
6. Distillery.
7. Storing hay, straw, fodder, wood, coal or other cumbustible materials.
8. Storing organic manure.
9. Manufactory or place of business of any other kind from which offensive or unwholesome smells, fumes or dust arise, or which may involve risk of fire.

7. The District Boards of Bangalore and Kolar have framed bye-laws for control of the tanning industry. For tanning a license fee of Rs. 25 is proposed by the Kolar District Board while the Boards of other Districts except Tumkur propose a fee ranging from Rs. 5 to Rs. 25. Government consider that a uniform fee of Rs. 15 a year is sufficient.

8. With regard to the fees leviable for the remaining purposes, the opinions of the several District Boards are divergent and the Bangalore District Board is not in favour of levy of fees in certain cases. In view of the fact that in course of time the control of these items will have to be handed over to Village Panchayets and the levy of a fee will be felt as a burden by the rural population, Government direct that no license fee be levied in these cases for the present.

9. A separate notification will issue prescribing the rates of fees approved above.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.